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TO: Each Supervisor
FROM: Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W. *Robin Kay for*
Director
SUBJECT: **ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH BAYFRONT YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES**

This memo is to comply with the Board of Supervisors Policy Manual, Section 5.100, Sole Source contract, by notifying your Board of the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) intention to enter into contract negotiations and initiate a sole source agreement with Bayfront Youth and Family Services (Bayfront) in the amount of \$916,368. For Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12, the amount will be funded with State General Funds (SGF) in the amount of \$304,051, Federal Financial Participation (FFP) revenue of \$564,391, and net County cost (NCC) match from the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) through an intra-fund transfer in the amount of \$47,926.

On May 30, 2006, your Board approved DCFS's contract award of 34 non-profit agencies, which included Bayfront under the auspices of the SunBridge Harbor View Rehabilitation Center, to provide Wraparound Services to reduce DCFS children in congregated care and to shorten the stay at group home care if such service is needed.

Sunbridge Harbor View Rehabilitation Center, Inc., one of the originally selected agencies, chose to absorb the Wraparound program without the additional funding, as the agency did not fully utilize its funding in the contract.

When Bayfront, a non-profit organization, recently established itself as a separate entity, Sunbridge Harbor View Rehabilitation Center, Inc., a for-profit organization, was unable to utilize the Wraparound funding because of the DCFS requirement of the Wraparound funding being awarded only to non-profit organizations.

Bayfront has been providing Wraparound services to DCFS children from birth to 17 ½ and their families in collaboration with other mental health service providers in the community since 2006. The agency has served more than 500 children and their

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families by providing Wraparound services to maintain the children in an home-like environment in the community. The staff is well trained and has considerable experience in providing services to children with challenging needs. The agency has a long history of providing mental health services and has established excellent relationships with community organizations in Service Area 8. The staff of Bayfront demonstrates exceptional cultural competency serving Latino and African-American children and their families. The agency also has extensive experience in providing mental health services to DCFS children ages birth to 17 ½ who require intensive mental health services in a highly structured setting in Service Area 8.

This Sole Source contract with Bayfront will allow DMH to:

1. Provide a comprehensive child and family-focused strength-based services in-home setting to children from birth to 17 ½ and their families.
2. Strengthen and improve Wraparound service delivery to the children in Service Area 8 by adding a mental health component to Bayfront Wraparound services.
3. Expand mental health services to the children and families residing in Service Area 8 by freeing up other agencies collaborating with Bayfront to provide mental health services to Bayfront Wraparound recipients.
4. Decrease the number of DCFS children in congregate care and shorten the length of stay at higher levels of group care such as Levels 12 and 14 group homes.
5. Reduce additional time and cost of training an agency without experience in providing mental health services and Wraparound services to DCFS children in Service Area 8.

Unless otherwise instructed by a Board office within two (2) weeks, DMH will proceed with entering into contract negotiations with Bayfront. DMH will work closely with both the Office of the County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office in preparing a new Agreement with Bayfront Youth and Family Services.

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